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SUBJECT: FY-2003 INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM: SRI LANKAN NOMINATION FOR MRP ON URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES: AUGUST 7-28, 2003  
PROJECT NUMBER: E/VP-2003-0036

REF: (A) COLOMBO 01899, (B) STATE 129191,

(C) STATE 50054

1. POST NOMINATES MR. HEMANTHA KUMAR JAYASUNDERA, DIRECTOR, PROJECT MANAGEMENT, URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, FOR PARTICIPATION IN SUBJECT PROJECT.

2. PART I OF NOMINEE'S BIO DATA FOLLOWS:

EXPORT-SOURCE: USIS EVDB  
VERSION: 3.0.0  
POST-EMAIL: rscmb@pd.state.gov  
TRANSMITTING-POST: PAS Colombo  
TRANSMITTING-POST-ID: 2929  
EXPORT-TYPE: BIO DATA  
START NOMINATION:  
USIA-OFFICE: E/VGN  
PROG-AGENCY-NAME:  
POST-PROJ-ID: 72  
USIA-PROJ-NO: E/VP-2003-0036  
PROJ-NAME: Urban Environmental Issues - August 7-28, 2003  
START MEMO PROJ-DESC:

END MEMO PROJ-DESC:  
PROJ-TYPE: Multi-Regional  
PROG-TYPE: IV Grant Visitor  
FY: 2003  
DEPART-POST: 08/05/2003  
SESSION-DATE: 08/07/2003  
RETURN-POST: 08/31/2003  
NO-OF-PART: 1  
RANK-ORDER: 14  
START MEMO POST-OBJ:  
This nomination is in support of the MPP theme on Environment.  
END MEMO POST-OBJ:  
START MEMO POST-RCMD:

END MEMO POST-RCMD:  
USIA-OFFICE-ID: 1039  
PROG-AGENCY-ID:  
PROJ-TYPE-ID: MRP  
PROG-TYPE-ID: 29  
NOMINATING-POST-ID: 2929  
FUNDING-CNTRY-ID:  
STATUS: N  
ORIGINATOR: U  
SUBJ-DISC: Environment  
START BIO:  
PREFIX: Mr.  
F-NAME: Hemantha  
M-NAME: Kumara  
L-NAME: JAYASUNDERA  
SUFFIX:  
PRINCIPAL?: Yes  
M-ADDR1: Project Management Division  
M-ADDR2: Urban Development Authority  
M-ADDR3: Sethsiripaya  
M-CITY: Battaramulla  
M-STATE:  
M-CNTRY: Sri Lanka  
M-ZONE:  
M-ZIP:  
M-PHONE:  
M-FAX:  
M-EMAIL:  
M-CNTRY-ID: CE  
M-ADDRTYPE: B  
GENDER: M  
DOB: 10/01/1954  
MAR-STAT: M  
BIRTH-CITY: Kurunegala  
BIRTH-CNTRY: Sri Lanka  
CITIZ-CNTRY: Sri Lanka  
RES-CNTRY: Sri Lanka  
START MEMO POSITION:  
Director, Project Management, Urban Development

Authority (UDA)  
END MEMO POSITION:  
START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:  
START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:  
Served as Planning Officer, Town Planner, and  
Assistant Director at the UDA from 1981  
1991-98 - On secondment served the Asian Development  
Bank's Urban Development Sector Programs  
END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:  
START MEMO US-TRAVEL:  
1997 - Attended a two-week training program on Urban  
Revitalization funded by the ADB  
END MEMO US-TRAVEL:  
START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:  
START MEMO EDUCATION:  
BA (Hons) in Economics, University of Peradeniya,  
1979  
Postgraduate Diploma in Urban Development,  
University of Moratuwa, 1980  
M.Sc. in Town and Country Planning, University of  
Moratuwa. 1987  
M.Sc. in Environmental Science, University of  
Colombo ( to be completed - thesis to be submitted)  
END MEMO EDUCATION:  
START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:  
START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:  
START MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

END MEMO SPEC-CONSID:  
FIRST-LANG: Sinhala  
ENGL-READ: 4  
ENGL-SPEAK: 4  
ENGL-COMP: 4  
START MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:  
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Environment.  
END MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:  
START MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:

END MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:  
START MEMO VIS-OBJ:

END MEMO VIS-OBJ:  
START MEMO VIS-REC:

END MEMO VIS-REC:  
NOMINATING-OFFICER: Stephen Holgate  
START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:  
Mr. Jayasundera is the head of the project  
management division of the Urban Development  
Authority. He is an energetic public official  
dedicated to his work. The Colombo Re-development  
Project, which Mr. Jayasundera is in charge of, is  
an ambitious project and he has a correct assessment  
of this mammoth task. Although he has been to the  
United States before, that was only for two weeks to  
Harvard to attend a short training program five  
years ago. An exposure in general to the American  
culture and society and especially to the  
achievements in urban development in the United  
States, will be of immense value to this urban  
developer. An in-depth look at civic planning,  
economic development and the nexus of government and  
private sector activities in community building  
could prove inspirational to this idealistic civil  
servant and prove of great value to Sri Lanka and  
its democratic future.  
END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:  
NOM-OFF: Public Affairs Section  
SPEAKER?: No  
NOTIFY-EMB: No  
MEDIA?: No  
HOME-STAY: Yes  
HOME-HOSP?: Yes  
E-I-TYPE:  
NOMINEE-ID: 104  
PERSON-ID: 108  
BIRTH-CNTRY-ID: CE  
CITIZ-CNTRY-ID: CE  
RES-CNTRY-ID: CE  
FIRST-LANG-ID: SI  
E-I-TYPE-ID:  
NOM-POST-ID: 2929  
NOM-FUNDING-CNTRY-ID:  
NOM-STATUS: N  
END BIO:  
END NOMINATION:

13. PLEASE ADVISE ACCEPTANCE OF THIS NOMINATION.  
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